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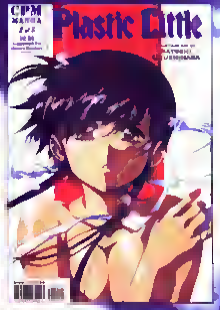

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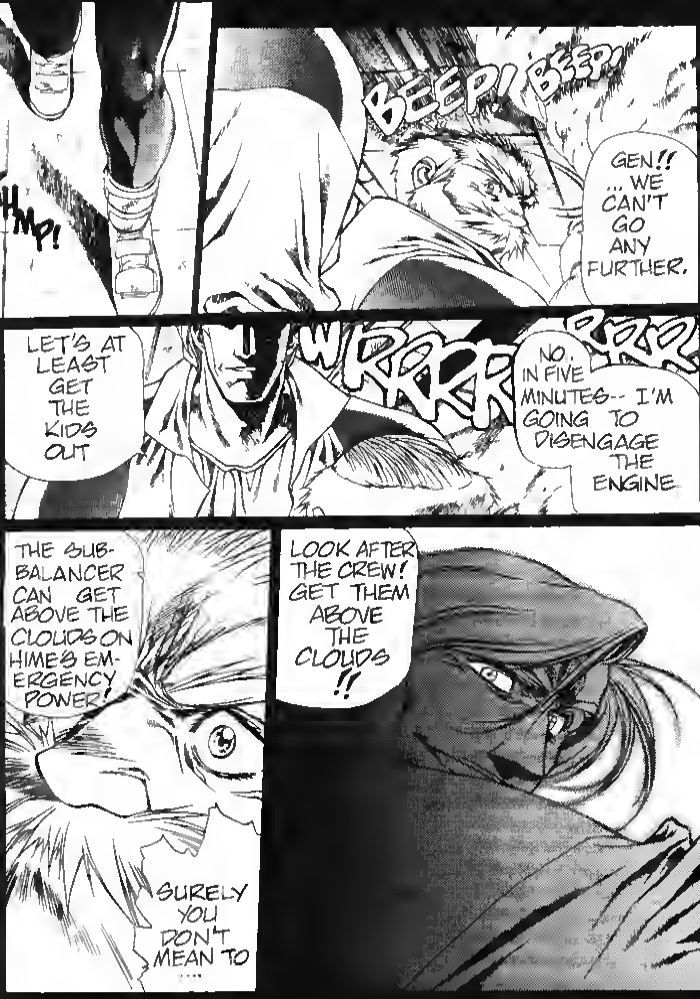
WRR
RRR
SHIT! WE'RE BEING PULL-ED IN!
Prologue
GENTARO KOSHIGAYA

IT'S NO USE, CAPTAIN! WE CAN'T GET AWAY!!
WHIRR
WE'RE BEING SUCKED INTO THE DEATH HOLE.
WHIRR

KRA
KRA
KRA


BEEP! BEEP!
GEN!! ... WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER.
HMP!
LET'S AT LEAST GET THE KIDS OUT
WRRR
NO. IN FIVE MINUTES-- I'M GOING TO DISENGAGE THE ENGINE
THE SUB-BALANCER CAN GET ABOVE THE CLOUDS ON HIME'S EMERGENCY POWER!
SURELY YOU DON'T MEAN TO ....
LOOK AFTER THE CREW! GET THEM ABOVE THE CLOUDS !!

GE GEN...
PHEW!
MIKAIL ....
TITA WANTS TO BE A SAILOR PLEASE HELP HER WHEN THE TIME COMES.
TAKE CARE OF TITA!
SONG
GEN!!
RRR
WHRRR

LET'S GO, TITA..
...OK
I'VE DECIDED, DADDY...
I'M GONNA BE A PET SHOP HUNTER
PROLOGUE-END

WE'RE WITHIN RANGE, NICHOL! MAINTAIN THIS DISTANCE!
OK!
BALBOA! LOAD THE WHALING HARPOON!!
GIVE ME 20 MORE SECONDS.
HEY— HE'S GETTING AWAY—
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE CHA CHA MARU THAT EASILY!
OK, TITA IT'S LOADED
CHUNK

AIM SENSOR! FIRE!!

Chapter 1

Tita Mu Koshigaya

SSSTUPID! IT'S TOO SOON!
WHACK!
TWING!
WEAR HIM OUT FIRST OR..
THE WIRE'S GONNA SNAP!
BUT WE'VE BEEN TRAILING HIM FOR 4 HOURS!
TITA! THE SHIP'S BEING PULLED!
WSSHH
DO YOU HAVE A TRANQUILIZER CHARGE?
WSSH
WSSH
WHIRR
ARRGH! WHAT'LL WE DO?
NO WAY! HE'S TOO STRONG! IT'S ALL OVER IF HE DIVES INTO THE DEEP CLOUDS

HE'S COMING AROUND IS HE GONNA RAM US?!
FWOOSH!
SHHH!
THE WIRE SNAPPED !!
WHRRR
AAAAGH
YIKES!
LOOK AT THAT !!
WHURRRR
WOW! A CLOUD WHALE !!

NICHOL, QUICK CLOSE IN ON HIM
WE CAN'T THE ENGINE'S DOWN. WE CAN'T CATCH HIM NOW
WHAT?
WHY NOT?
GET LOST, TITA..
YOU'RE A PAIN
YOU IDIOTS! YOU'RE OBSESSED WITH CATCHING THIS WHALE AND THE SHIP'S GETTING SCREWED UP!
I'M SORRY, MIKAIL THE TIMING WAS BAD
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING!?
AND..
WHERE DID YOUR RING LEADER GO!?

WHAT? WASN'T SHE DOWN-STAIRS!?
WHRR
NO. I DIDN'T SEE HER
POP!
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY BUT, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DADDY

GLUG GLUG
GLUG
-DA-
! DA DAD!
! DADDY...!
SEND THE RESCUE TEAM BACK! WHERE'S THE AMBU LANCE?
BEEP BEEP
RUN!
HELP!
DAD!!
DADD!!
PUT THE FIRE OUT, QUICK! THE BOILER'S CAUGHT FIRE!
IT'S GONNA EX-PLODE!!
TITA...
SQUAD 3, GO BELOW!
MIKAIL?! WHERE'S MY DAD?!?
THE CAP-TAIN. HE'S

I'M SORRY, TITA... WE COULDN'T BRING YOUR FATHER BACK WITH US
SO, HERE YOU ARE, TITA.
HUH?
OH, NICHOL. WHAT?!
THREE MORE DAYS...
OOOH! BOOZE!!

TITA, DRINKING IS NO WAY TO RELIEVE YOUR GUILT OVER LOSING THE WHALE
AND YOU'RE UNDER AGE!
GRRR!
OH, YEAH... MIKAIL WANTS TO TALK TO YOU. HE'S IN THE CAFE-TERIA.
IS THAT WHAT YOU CAME TO TELL ME, NICHOL?
SHINE
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
I'M GOING BELOW.
SORRY
OH, TITA.
I'M JUST MAKING SOME TEA. SIT DOWN
THANK YOU, MEI. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

BALBOA AND I ARE TALKING ABOUT QUITTING THIS JOB
WHAT? ARE YOU JOKING?!?
JUST LIKE THAT?
NO, WE'RE SERIOUS THE DEADLINE'S IN 3 DAYS AND CLOUD WHALES ARE TOUGH PREY.
NO WAY
LISTEN, I KNOW CLOUD WHALES ARE GENTLE BY NATURE, BUT...
...THEY'RE ALSO VERY SMART. THEY'RE NATURAL ENEMIES OF PET SHOP HUNTERS. WE ESCAPED UNSCATHED BECAUSE THE HARPOON WIRE SNAPPED.
IF HE PULLED US INTO THE DEEP CLOUDS, WE WOULD'VE BEEN CRUSHED BY THE PRESSURE.
TITA, YOU SAW 3 SHIPS CRUSHED BY CLOUD WHALES LAST MONTH.
RIGHT, THAT'S WHY WE GOT THIS JOB
BUT TODAY WAS YOUR FIRST BATTLE WITH ONE.

CLOUD WHALES ARE FOR VETERANS WITH 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE. YOU'VE HAD LESS THAN FOUR IT'S STILL TOO SOON
THMP
GEEZ-- YOU BOTH THINK TOO MUCH I'M FINE !!
TITA! YOU..
WHAT?
HUH?
ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID TO THE CLIENT?
HUH? YOU OVERHEARD?
OH, THAT. DON'T WORRY.
UHHH... I'M GOING TO MY ROOM TO SHOWER.
TITA ...
. . . .
OH, THAT GIRL.
AND I JUST WENT AND MADE HER SOME TEA.

CAPTAIN TITA
NO Men ALLOWED!
BLEEP
PHOOSH
SHUSH
AHHH..
I APPREC-IATE THEIR CON-CERN--
BUT..
FOR ME TO BE A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE CREW..

DADDY!!
WHURRR
DADDY!!
!
WHUMP
WEL-COME HOME!
H.. HEY, TITA

HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY THIS TIME? A WEEK? A MONTH?
WHURRR
I'M SORRY. I ONLY HAVE TIME TO DROP OFF MY THINGS. I'M LEAVING IN 2 DAYS.
AGAA-AAIN?
BUT THE CLOUDS ARE GOING TO BE WILD TOMORROW!
HUH!?
REALLY, TITA?
THE WIND SAYS SO AND THE SMELL OF THE SEA OF CLOUDS
IT'S GONNA BE STORMY
REALLY? YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE WHO CAN SENSE CLOUDS IF YOU'RE RIGHT, I CAN STAY LONGER
YAY !!
OH, DADDY ....

KLINK
DADDY
KNOCK KNOCK
TITA, GOT A MINUTE?
HUH? JU...JUST A SEC.
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT I SAID EARLIER.
I'VE DECIDED I WON'T QUIT!
.....
I KNOW IT'S TOO SOON FOR ME TO HUNT CLOUD WHALES...
AND I KNOW I'M BEING SELFISH--BUT, LET ME DO IT, JUST THIS ONCE.

IF YOU FAIL, DO YOU INTEND TO RESIGN AS CAPTAIN?
THE CREW IS LIKE FAMILY I CAN'T ENDANGER EVERYBODY FOR THE SAKE OF ONE
I PROMISED MY DAD I'D BE A FULL-FLEDGED HUNTER WITHIN 4 YEARS
HE'S NOT HERE ANYMORE, BUT...
IF I DON'T DO IT.. I CAN'T STAY ON HIS SHIP
WHY?
!!
THUK
WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING HIM BACK, MIKAIL?!?
.....

BEEP BEEP
WE'VE SPOTTED A CLOUD WHALE, TITA !!
!!
MIKAIL ?
YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER. YOU NEVER GIVE UP LET'S GO GET IT, TITA!!
YEEES!!
WHURRR

YOU'RE LATE, T'TA !!
SORRY !
THE CLOUD WHALE ?
150m AHEAD. 10m DEEP IT'S THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY
OK' WE'RE GOING UNDER !!
DIVE !!
PLOSH!
B, BLUP! LUP! LUP!
LOOK INTO THEIR EYES, TITA THE ANIMAL'S EYES.

SENSE HOW THEY'LL MOVE AND WHAT THEY WANT THROUGH THEIR EYES.
EYES?
LOOK INTO THEM, LISTEN TO THEM. YOU CAN DO IT, TITA
BEAUTIFUL EYES..
HE'S TRYING TO TURN AROUND.
HASN'T HE NOTICED US..? OR--
AHA!! THREE CLOUD CURRENTS ARE CONVERGING! THE CLOUD WHALE CAN'T GET THROUGH!
HE'LL GET CAUGHT IN THE CURRENTS!
TITA! IF WE HOLD THIS COURSE, WE'LL BE TRAPPED, TOO!
SHIT! MAYBE HE'S BAITING US!
NO.

WE'VE CORNERED HIM!
BUT IF WE KEEP GOING, WE'LL BE CRUSHED BY THE CLOUD WALL!
BALBOA, IN 15 SECONDS FIRE THREE HARPOON ROUNDS AT SECOND INTERVALS 0279 AND THE LOW VOLTAGE PULSE RATE NET AT GAUGE 5 POINT 332
OH I SEE! READY, TITA?
READY!!
THOSE COORDINATES!?
LET'S DO IT!
SHHNK
HARPOON FIRE!

SCHWUNK
PULSE NET... FIRE!!
FWUNG
NICHOL! FULL SPEED REVERSE ONCE WE TRAP THE CLOUD WHALE
GOT IT!
PLEEASSE, GET IN THE PULSE NET!!
OR WE CAN'T HELP YOU!!

HE'S IN!!
YES! NICHOL, FULL REVERSE !!!
OK! HANG ON !
WHOA!!

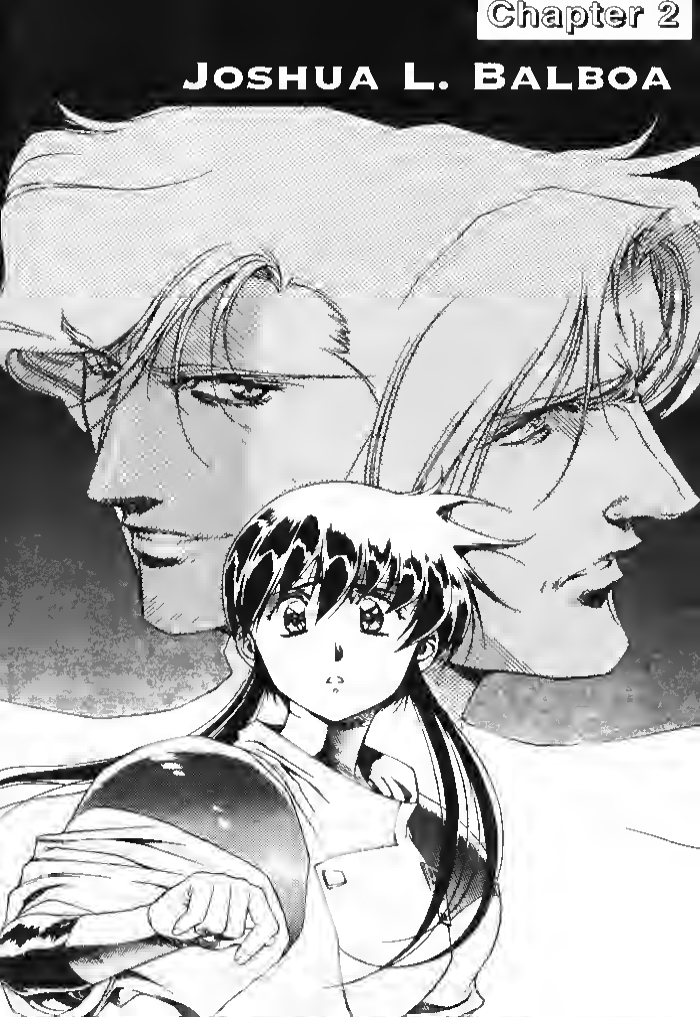
WHRR
I KEPT MY PROMISE, DADDY
YOU DID IT, TITA. GOOD WORK.
THANKS, MIKAIL
SORRY ABOUT BEFORE --- I SAID SOME AWFUL THINGS.
NO PROBLEM
OOH.. SO NOW I HAVE TO KEEP DEALING WITH DITZY TITA
EVERY ONE CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU, TITA.
WHRR
WHAT?! DOES EVERYONE KNOW ?!
GEEZ! YOU'RE ALL SO MEAN!!

ARE YOU SURE?
ARE YOU REALLY SURE, JEFF?
WHRRRR
YES PLEASE DO IT.
I'D RATHER YOU KILL ME THAN BE TORTURED AND KILLED BY THE MAFIA

ALL RIGHT
I WISH WE COULD'VE SPENT ONE LAST NIGHT AT LENAREA'S PUB
ME, TOO
AAAGH!
HEY, ANDY
WHAT?

Chapter 2

Joshua L. Balboa



YOU'VE CAPTURED A CLOUD COBRA, A CLOUD DOLPHIN, A CLOUD JELLYFISH SNAKE AND A CLOUD OCTOPUS
EVEN A NOEL. YOU'RE THE BEST PET SHOP HUNTER IN IETTA
HE ISN'T WOUNDED OR WEAKENED GOOD WORK AS ALWAYS, TITA LET'S HAVE LUNCH.
OH, BY THE WAY, TITA...
YEAH ?
OUR NEW CLIENT'S IN THE 5TH FLOOR WAITING ROOM. WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO HIM?
I DON'T HAVE TIME I'VE GOT TO BUY SOME THINGS TO REPAIR THE SHIP
THAT'S TOO BAD
NO WORRIES.

SOUNDS LIKE HE WANTS TO TALK TO BALBOA, THOUGH.
BALBOA? ALRIGHT.
SORRY I'M LATE, BALBOA
ARE YOU READY?
YEAH.
LET'S GET THIS SHOPPING OVER WITH 'CAUSE EVERYONE'S STARVING.
WAIT WE'VE GOT A NEW CLIENT. HE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.
TO ME?
YES.
PET SHOP HUNTER CHA CHA MARU ENTERING
I HEARD YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME?
YES
KLAP

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, BALBOA ACTUALLY ---
YOU'RE FORMER ARMY COMMANDER, ANDY FURLONG, NO? TRIPLE OMEGA CLASS.
!!!
HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT!?
?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN MY VOICE, ANDY?
NO WAY! IT CAN'T BE! JEFF?!
YOU'RE JEFF GRIESS ---- ?!?

 * In An Emergency a Triple Omega Class Officer Assumes the Responsibilities of a General

IS HE OKAY?

I WAS SURE YOU...
HOW??

YOU THOUGHT I WAS DEAD?
YOU'RE WONDERING HOW YOU FAILED TO KILL ME?
!?
WELL, ENOUGH FOR NOW ABOUT THE JOB--
IT WAS ROUGH AFTER THAT. HEH HEH HEH
WAIT A MINUTE. DIDN'T THE KILLER SNOW WHALE DIE OUT 2,000 YEARS AGO?
YES WE HAVE ONLY 3 DAYS--
THEY STILL EXIST?
IT'S FOR THE KILLER SNOW WHALE
WHAT!?
!!!

AND EVEN IF THEY DO EXIST, EVERYONE KNOWS IT'D TAKE MORE THAN A MONTH TO CAPTURE ONE! THREE DAYS IS IM-POSSIBLE!
THEY STILL EXIST. AND DON'T JUST CAPTURE ONE, DESTROY IT!
THIS IS NO JOKE! A P.S.H. DOESN'T HARM ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY THAT KIND OF RARE ANIMAL!
GRR!
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE! IF YOU REFUSE-- BALBOA WILL BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL PROSECUTION ON SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE.
AT BEST HE'LL GET LIFE...
AND THE CREW WILL BE GUILTY OF HARBOR-ING A SPY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CAN I DO IT ALONE?
NO!! I'LL GIVE DETAILS AFTER WE SET SAIL TO-MORROW.
.....

SCREECH
TITA... PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS.
HHHHMMMMMMM
HUH?
I'D LIKE TO KEEP IT QUIET 'TIL WE FINISH THE JOB
OK, SURE
HEY, NICHOL, ROGER WE'RE BACK. HOW ABOUT GIVING US A HAND?
HELLO!
YES, SIR!
HURRY, NICHOL!!
PHYSICAL LABOR'S NOT MY THING.
.....

OK, HERE'S THE PLAN WE HEAD TOWARD THE 46TH PARALLEL NORTH AT POINT 735
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, OUR PREY IS A KILLER SNOW WHALE.
ONE QUESTION-- DO KILLER SNOW WHALES STILL EXIST?
YES, WE ALMOST GOT ONE 12 YEARS AGO.
AT CRUISING SPEED WE SHOULD ARRIVE IN 68 HOURS
?!
I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THAT.
ME NEITHER.

YOU'LL STAY IN THIS GUEST CABIN
WOW...
MEALS ARE SERVED 4 TIMES A DAY. THERE'S A SHOWER IN YOUR ROOM, AND THE COMMUNAL BATH IS ON THE LOWER DECK. MEN AND WOMEN'S HOURS ARE SEPARATE.
THIS IS A GREAT SHIP
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANY THING
THANKS
JEFF CHECKING IN. DID YOU HEAR? EVERY THING IS GOING AS PLANNED
YES, BUT... WHY'D YOU MENTION THE KILLER SNOW WHALE?
THAT'S JUST TO BAIT THE CREW
I SEE. WELL, I'LL SEE YOU AT POINT 735.
SEE YOU THERE.

WOMEN ONLY
BSHH
BSHH
BSHH
THIS MAY BE MY LAST VOY-AGE.
.....
WHAT'S WRONG, TITA?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY.
MEI..

*'PUBLIC BATH'

ME!?
AM I A GOOD CAPTAIN?
YEAH?
?!!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW THE CREW AT ALL.
IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EVERYONE'S PAST, BUT... AM I A GOOD ENOUGH CAPTAIN?
WHAT A THING TO ASK! WHY?

DO YOU LIKE THE CREW, TITA?
YES! OF COURSE YOU'RE ALL LIKE FAMILY TO ME. I CAN'T IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT EVERY-ONE!
YOU'VE ALL HELPED ME SO MUCH!
BUT... DO YOU GUYS NEED ME?
TITA...
HUG!
TITA, IT'S OK TO HAVE THESE THOUGHTS, BUT DON'T TORTURE YOUR-SELF.

WHEN YOU TOOK OVER AS CAPTAIN FOR YOUR FATHER, EVERYONE STAYED WITH THE CHA CHA MARU BECAUSE OF YOU
TO ME, AT LEAST, YOU'RE A STEP SISTER, A CLOSE FRIEND AND A TRUST-WORTHY CAPTAIN
CAN I ASK YOU ONE MORE THING, MEI?
SURE
HOW D'ID YOUR BREASTS GET SO BIG?
HUH?!

SO ANDY, WHAT'S WITH THIS SHIP? WHY'D YOU QUIT THE ARMY?
A LOT'S HAPPENED SINCE THEN.
TITA AND THE CREW MEAN EVERY-THING TO ME NOW
WHRRR
THEY'RE OUT TO GET YOU AND THE CHA CHA MARU
I DON'T CARE! ACCORDING TO ARMY RECORDS I WAS KILL-ED WITH YOU
AND ONE MORE THING! I'LL DEFEND TITA AND THIS SHIP NO MATTER WHAT!!
.....

TITA!!
TIIIITA!
HURRY
!
WUAAA!?
?!?
WHAT
THE
HELL
IS
THAT?
WELCOME
CHA CHA
MARU!
AND
ANDY
FURLONG
!!

IT'S THE NORTH COLONY MAFIA'S "KILLER SNOW WHALE" THAT GOT AWAY FROM US 12 YEARS AGO.
WHAT!?
WHAT'LL WE DO? WE'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED
COME OUT, ANDY FURLONG, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE!
LISTEN, TITA, ONCE JEFF AND I GET ON THE SHUTTLE CRAFT, DIVE TO 20,000m AND ESCAPE! GOT IT?
OH, NOW I GET IT! YOU TWO PLANNED THIS!

!!
WH- WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THIS IS NO GAME! YOU MIGHT NOT COME BACK ALIVE!!
IN THAT CASE, I'M GOING WITH YOU, BALBOA!
I KNOW! I REALIZE THAT!!
I EXPECT YOU TO GET ME BACK TO THIS SHIP, BALBOA
.....

ARE YOU SURE, TITA?!
I'M SURE!!
DO AS I TOLD YOU, NICHOL! AS SOON AS THE SHUTTLE CRAFT DEPARTS SUBMERGE 1000M AND GET AWAY!
GOT IT! I WON'T LET YOU DOWN.
BALBOA!! IF ANY-THING HAPPENS TO TITA, I'LL KILL YOU!!
YEAH, YEAH.
LET'S GO!!
HIGH SPEED SUB-MERSION !!!
WRRRR

THE CHA CHA MARU'S GOING UNDER!
HA HA HA! DESTROY IT! BLOW IT TO PIECES!
YES SIR!
BAMM
BAMM
PKOW!
PKOW!

BAM!
POW
THEY'RE ATTACKING THE CHA CHA MARU!!
DON'T WORRY!! NICHOL CAN HANDLE IT!! KEEP GOING!
KERRSH

OUCH! THAT WAS A LITTLE MUCH.
WHH
RRR
THE KILLER SNOW WHALE IS IN BLOCK A8 AT THE CENTER OF THE SHIP.
IT'S ABOUT 200M FROM HERE. BETWEEN US ARE 1,500 TROOPS AND 4,000 AUTO DEFASERS
HMM
"KILLER SNOW WHALE" IS A MAN YOU HAVE TO GET ONE GUY. AND HE'LL BE RUNNING.
CAN YOU DO IT?
I HAVE NO CHOICE. I CAN HANDLE THOSE NUMBERS!

IN EX-CHANGE ....
CAN YOU PROTECT TITA FOR 30 MINUTES?
YES!
GO! SO YOU CAN GO ON LIVING AS BALBOA.
AND FORGET THESE PAST 12 YEARS!
WATCH TITA!!
AH!
BALBOA!
HMMM

TITA
LEND ME YOUR SHOULDER
WHRRRR
HUH?
WHY'D YOU LET HIM GO ALONE!?
'CAUSE I'D JUST GET IN THE WAY!
?!
I'VE GOT ONLY ONE HOUR TO LIVE. WHEN THE CHA CHA MARU WENT UNDER
MY LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT WAS CUT OFF! ANDY KNOWS THAT.

OUR STRATEGY WAS THE SAME 12 YEARS AGO. IT TOOK TWO YEARS TO TRACK THE KILLER SNOW WHALE DOWN.
WE ALMOST HAD HIM, BUT HE GOT AWAY ALL OUR SOLDIERS WERE KILLED. I WAS PARALYZED.
SO I ASKED BALBOA TO KILL ME.
BANG!

BUT...
WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS HALF MACHINE... IN THE HANDS OF THE MAFIA!
FOR THESE LAST 12 YEARS, I HAVEN'T BEEN ALLOWED THE FREEDOM TO LIVE OR DIE.
THEN I FOUND OUT ANDY WAS STILL ALIVE...

AND THAT HE WAS ON THE CHA CHA MARU. I NEEDED HIS HELP TO KILL THE WHALE AND FREE ME
KILLER WHALE..
YOU'RE HISTORY !!
SO I PLANNED THIS.
TO SETTLE UP FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS !!

IT'S OVER. ISN'T IT, BALBOA?
YES
HMMMMMM
TITA, LEAVE THE ROOM.
HUH? BUT...
I WANT YOU TO, ALSO
ARE YOU SURE, JEFF?

YES. DO IT AGAIN
I WISH WE COULD'VE SPENT ONE LAST NIGHT AT LENAREA'S PUB.
KPOW!
KLINK!
I'M ALONE AGAIN

KABAAM
!!
QUICK, BALBOA! GET IN!!
TITA!
OH YEAH... I HAVE SOMETHING TO GO BACK TO.
TITA...

SCREECH!!
AH!!
WELL AUNTIE, UNCLE, I'M GOING
HEY, TITA-
CALL US MOM AND DAD IF YOU LIKE
OOOH--
SURE
WELL, BYE, MOM AND DAD!

MEI DIDN'T COME HOME THIS TIME, EITHER
SEE YA!
VRRRR
TAKE CARE
CHUG... CHUG
AT LEAST SHE'S BEEN WRITING LATELY.
WHRRR
THAT'S TRUE.
WHRRR

Chapter 3
MEI LIN JONES

WHRRR
YOU SHOULD GO HOME ONCE IN A WHILE, MEI.
UNC- I MEAN, MOM AND DAD WANT TO SEE YOU. YESTERDAY THEY MADE A MEAT PIE FOR YOU.
WRRR
HEH HEH HEH THEY HAVE YOU, TITA
WELL... LET'S GET BACK TO WORK.
THAT MEAT PIE WAS SOOOO GOOD!
MEEE!
HEY, TITA, WHAT'RE YOU DOING? COME TO THE BRIDGE A.S.A.P.!
OH-- SORRY. I'M COMING!

OUR PREY THIS TIME IS 5 METAL CRABS AND 25 NOELS. THEY'RE BOTH GENTLE, BUT HARD TO SPOT
IT'S A TWO MONTH DEAD-LINE.
FOR NOW WE'LL HEAD FOR THE 56TH PARALLEL SOUTH, POINTS 103 TO 426.
HEEEEEY, TIIITA?
WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH?
HOW TITA? CRUISE ON THE SURFACE TILL WE REACH THE CO-ORDIN-ATES ?
YEAH, YEAH. THAT'S FINE, NICHOL!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, TITA?
GOING HOME SPACED YOU OUT?
HOW RUDE !!!

I'VE BEEN WIPED OUT SINCE YESTERDAY...
UHHH- MAYBE BALBOA'S RIGHT--I'M SPACING OUT... HA HA HA!
YOU MUST BE TIRED. WE WON'T REACH THE HARBOR FOR 2 DAYS. WHY DON'T YOU GET SOME REST? I'LL CALL IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.
UHHH- BUT...
DO WHAT NICHOL SAYS, TITA. IF YOU PUSH IT NOW, YOU WON'T BE ALERT WHEN IT COUNTS.
YEAH.
TITA, IS THIS ROUTE OKAY? THERE MIGHT BE A STORM.
NO, WE'LL BE FINE THIS WAY. WELL, TAKE OVER, NICHOL.
AYE, AY!

TITA, YOU BLEW IT!!
WHAT'LL WE DO, BALBOA?
HOW WEIRD.. TITA NEVER MISREADS THE CLOUDS...
WE HAVE TO SUB-MERGE..
IF WE DO, WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE COURSE AND IT'LL TAKE US TWICE AS LONG
WARRR
HEY, TITA!
KNOCK!
CAPTAIN TITA
KNOCK!
NO MEN ALLOWED
HMMM.. NICHOL, GO WAKE UP TITA.
SHIT!
TITA, I'M COMING IN!

WHOA!!
HOW AM I GONNA WAKE HER?
MY NOSE WON'T STOP BLEEDING.
"UGH-- UGH-- UHHN!"
HUH?

"UHN... UHNG!"
"UHH!"
TI... TITA?!
=BZZZZZ=
WOW... SHE'S BURNING UP!
MEI! MEI!

I'VE BEEN WITH HER, BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE.
HOW IS SHE, MEI?
NICHOL, GET THE CREW TO THE LUNCH ROOM!
AFTER I GET TITA TO THE CLINIC, I'D LIKE YOU TO AIR OUT THE SHIP.
"HUFF HUFF"
PI222
GOOD. NO ONE'S BEEN IN-FECTED
NICHOL, YOU'RE LAST
EVERY-ONE STAY AWAY FROM THE CLINIC UNTIL I GIVE THE OK

WHAT'S GOING ON, MEI?
IS TITA ALL RIGHT?
I'M SORRY, IT'S MY FAULT.
SHE HAS IETTA FEVER
WHAT!?
!!
THERE HASN'T BEEN A REPORTED CASE IN 4 YEARS, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS ERADICATED. THE INCUBATION PERIOD IS RATHER LONG SO TITA'S CASE IS QUITE ADVANCED
NO WAY!? IETTA FEVER NEARLY WIPED OUT THIS PLANET! WILL TITA BE OK?!?
LEAVE IT TO ME. I'LL CURE HER.

WHAT'RE WE... HOW'RE WE... WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, BALBOA?
WE CAN ONLY WAIT
CHINGCHONG
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO TITA?!
CALM DOWN, NICHOL! WE CAN'T DO A THING THERE'S A STORM OUTSIDE, SO WE'RE STUCK!
IT'D TAKE TWO DAYS TO GO BACK.
JUST LEAVE TITA TO ME!...
THE GODDESS OF IETTA.
WHAT!? THE GODDESS OF IETTA!
IT CAN'T BE!!
SOMEONE DEVELOPED A VACCINE DURING THE IETTA EPIDEMIC.
THAT WAS ME!?!

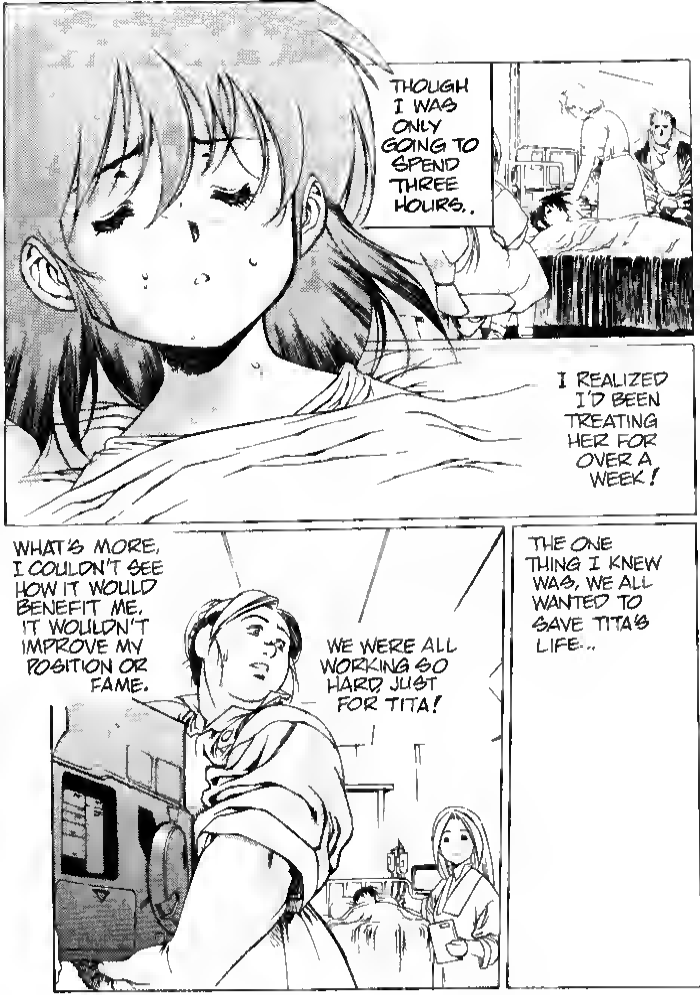
IS THAT YOU, ME! ?!
HANG ON, TITA. IF YOU MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT, YOU'LL BE FINE.
ONCE MORE...
SHOW ME THAT SMILE.

WHEN I SAW TITA FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT WAS STORMY LIKE IT IS TODAY
KNOCK KNOCK
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU. I HEARD ABOUT MEI FROM THE VILLAGE DOCTOR. I'D LIKE HER TO LOOK AT MY DAUGHTER
YOU CAME OUT IN THIS STORM?!
I COULDN'T GET TO THE DOCTOR BECAUSE OF THE LANDSLIDE AT THE CAPE. IF SHE DOESN'T GET HELP, IT'LL BE TOO LATE. PLEASE
I SEE. GO GET MEI!
DRIP
DRIP
OK

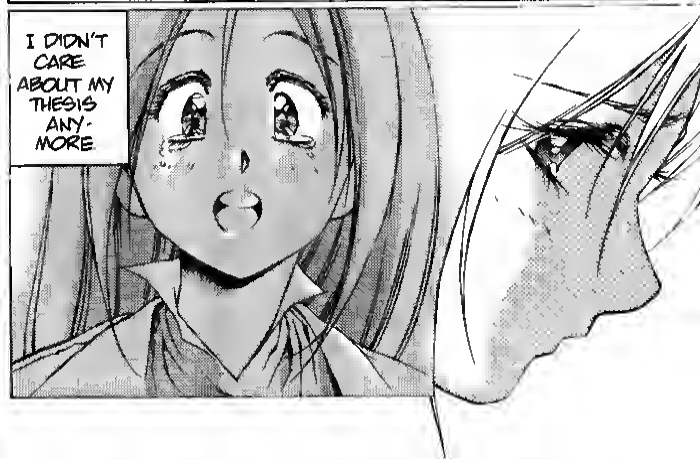
MEI HONEY
AT THAT TIME, MY RESEARCH WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PEOPLE'S LIVES.
THIS MAN'S DAUGHTER IS SUFFERING WITH IETTA FEVER HE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM THE NEXT TOWN. GO TAKE A LOOK AT HER
PLEASE?
HMPH!
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?!
SORRY-- BUT I'VE GOT TO FINISH MY THESIS BY TOMORROW.
IF IT'S SO IMPORTANT, WHY DON'T YOU GO?!
LISTEN TO YOURSELF, MEI! THE GIRL COULD DIE! YOU CAN DO YOUR THESIS ANYTIME.
WHO DO YOU THINK PROVIDES YOU WITH THIS EASY LIFE?
SMACK!

AS LONG AS PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING, I CAN'T LOOK THE OTHER WAY AND KEEP LIVING LIKE THIS!
.....
NO MATTER HOW HARD IT WAS, MY FATHER KEPT HELPING PEOPLE.
I HATED HIM FOR THAT-- SO WE ARGUED ALL THE TIME.
!?!
UMP!
PLEASE, MEL PLEASE SAVE MY DAUGHTER
...AHHHHH! RIGHT BUT JUST 3 HOURS

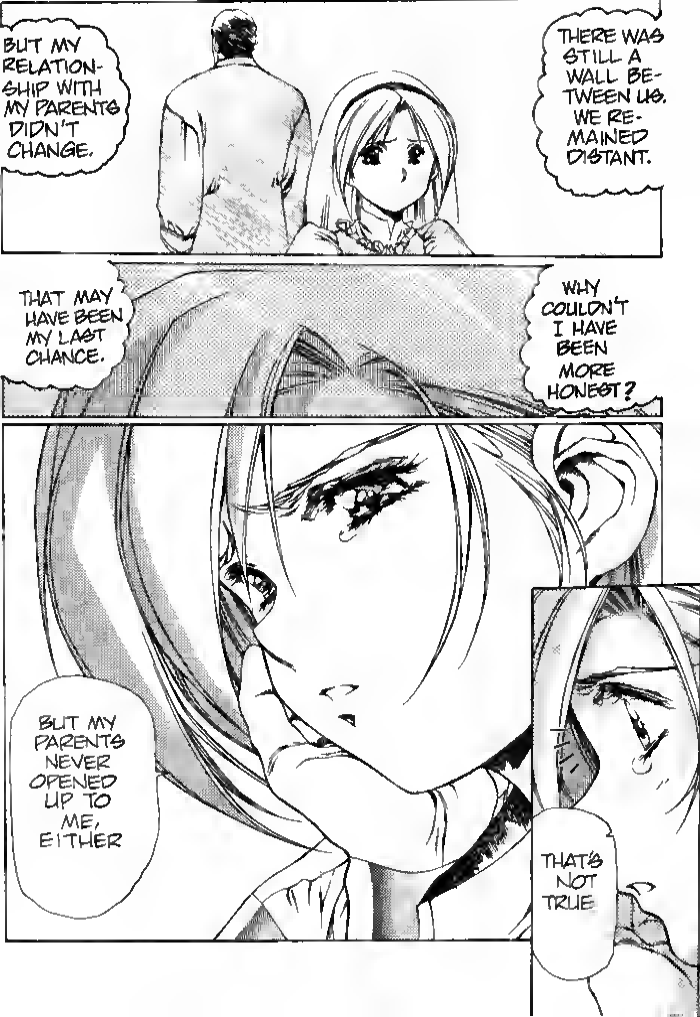
WE'RE HERE.
内田弘樹
WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO DO? KILL HER?! CALL THE DOCTOR !!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
. . .
IT'S TOO LATE FOR REGULAR TREATMENT. GET READY FOR THE ROUGH STUFF.


THOUGH I WAS ONLY GOING TO SPEND THREE HOURS..
I REALIZED I'D BEEN TREATING HER FOR OVER A WEEK!
WHAT'S MORE, I COULDN'T SEE HOW IT WOULD BENEFIT ME, IT WOULDN'T IMPROVE MY POSITION OR FAME.
WE WERE ALL WORKING SO HARD JUST FOR TITA!
THE ONE THING I KNEW WAS, WE ALL WANTED TO SAVE TITA'S LIFE..

HER FEVER BROKE!
?
mumur mumur
SHE'S OK!
mur mur mur mur
!
WHEN SHE OPENED HER EYES AND I SAW THAT SMILE...
...SOMETHING INSIDE ME CLICKED!


I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT MY THESIS ANYMORE

ARE WE FRIENDS?
YEAH, ME! YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND!
YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND, TOO, TITA!
THANKS TO TITA, I STARTED TO OPEN UP
BEEP BEEP
BUT THEN TITA LOST HER BELOVED DADDY
DADDY!!!
MUR MUR MURMUR
SO WE TOOK HER INTO OUR FAMILY.
IT FELT COMPLETELY NATURAL.


BUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY PARENTS DIDN'T CHANGE.
THERE WAS STILL A WALL BETWEEN US. WE REMAINED DISTANT.
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MY LAST CHANCE.
WHY COULDN'T I HAVE BEEN MORE HONEST?
BUT MY PARENTS NEVER OPENED UP TO ME, EITHER
THAT'S NOT TRUE

TITA!?
MOM AND DAD HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU A LONG TIME.
THEY CHANGE THE FLOWERS IN YOUR ROOM, AND WASH THE SHEETS AND MAKE MEAT PIES, HOPING THAT YOU'LL COME HOME
WHAT IF YOU OPENED YOUR HEART A LITTLE?
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I HAD A DREAM, MEI.
ABOUT WHAT?
ABOUT THE FIRST TIME WE MET- WHEN I OPENED MY EYES I SAW YOU SMILING, LIKE NOW, AND THEN
WELCOME BACK, TITA!
TAK! TAK!
MEI, IS TITA REALLY BETTER?!?
YES, SHE'S FINE.
TITA!!
YEEES!!
MAP!
NICHOL, YOU CAN'T COME IN YET...

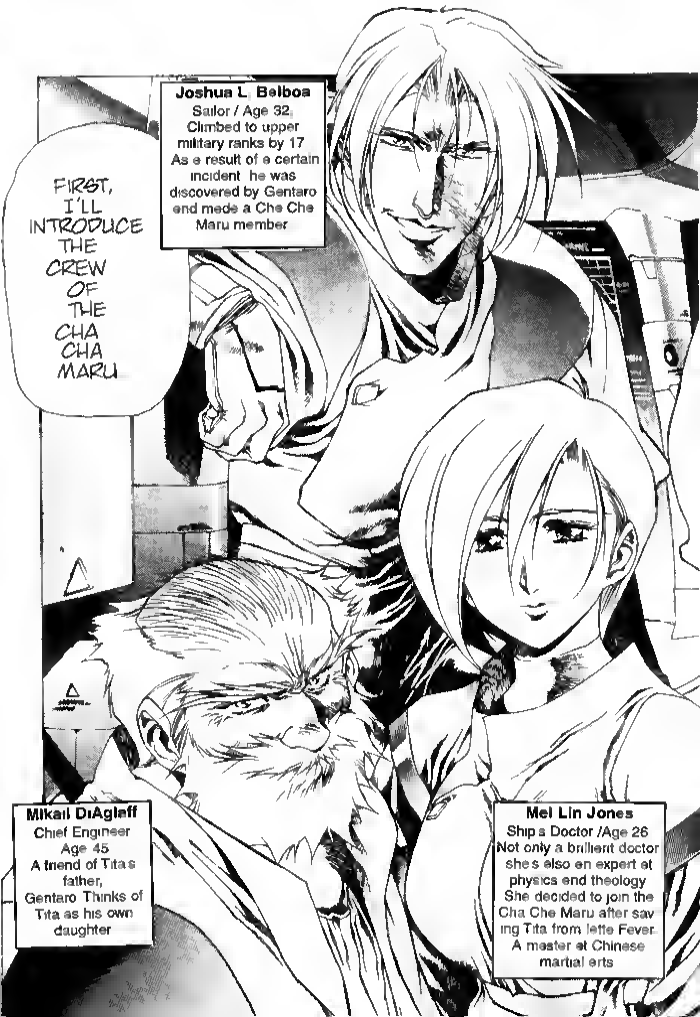
!!
AAAGH!
NOT AGAIN!
NI.. NICHOL!
GRRR..

NICHOL-- YOU JERK!!
GRRR- GRRR-
CAUGHT A PEEK, DIDN'T YOU?
WHHHRRR
AHHH- FRESH AIR!
WHRRK
TITA, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
YEAH, WHAT MEI?
WHEN THIS JOB'S OVER...
LET'S STOP AT SERENA HARBOR

Chapter 3 - End

INTERMISSION

A Plastic Little Special


FIRST, I'LL INTRODUCE THE CREW OF THE CHA CHA MARU
Joshua L. Balboa
Sailor / Age 32.
Climbed to upper military ranks by 17
As a result of a certain incident he was discovered by Gentaro and made a Cha Cha Maru member
Mikail DiAgleff
Chief Engineer
Age 45
A friend of Tita's father, Gentaro Thinks of Tita as his own daughter
Mei Lin Jones
Ship's Doctor /Age 26
Not only a brilliant doctor she's also an expert at physics and theology
She decided to join the Cha Cha Maru after saving Tita from Jette Fever.
A master at Chinese martial arts

I'M CAPTAIN TITA MUKOSHIGAYA. I TOOK OVER THE SHIP FROM MY FATHER WHEN I WAS JUST 17 YEARS OLD! I'M ONE OF THE TOP PSH'S WITH AN UNYIELDING SPIRIT AND SOUND JUDGMENT HA HA HA!
Roger Rogers
Assistant Engineer
Age Unknown He appears energetic and dynamic but little is known of this 6th and final crew member's career
Nichol Hawking
Navigator / Age 19
Naive and romantic, but one of the top 5 navigators on this planet He seems to be falling in love with Tita
THAT'S ALL NICE AND GOOD FOR YOU GUYS..
HUH?
GGRR
IT'S ROGER

I WASN'T IN THE OAV MUCH, AND IN THIS COMIC BOOK, I APPEARED IN ONLY 3 FRAMES OUT OF 3 STORIES.
Sniff
WHY ONLY ME?
BECAUSE OF YOUR POOR BEHAVIOR.
FOR EXAMPLE, YOU PEEK INTO THE WOMEN'S BATH.
BECAUSE THE COMMUNAL BATH WAS CONNECTED FROM ONE OF THE SHIPS WAREHOUSES, IT'S VERY LARGE
GO
BEEP

YOU DON'T WORK. YOU JUST FILL NICHOL'S HEAD WITH NONSENSE!
HEH HEH HEH-- THAT'S MY THING!!
YOU ATE UP 2 DAYS WORTH OF FOOD WITH OUT TELLING ANYONE, SO THE CREW WAS LEFT WITH NOTHING.
BY THE WAY, IT'S TIME TO ORDER NEW BODYSUITS. YOUR SIZE HAS CHANGED, HUH?
OH.. YEAH.
DID YOU GAIN WEIGHT, TITA?
I'M GROWING, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
BLABBER MOUTH!!!
WHERE?
MY BREASTS!!
REALLY? HOW MUCH?
HMPH!!
WHACK!
TITA!!

UMM... ABOUT 1 CM--
AND YOUR WAIST?
ABOUT 1.5 CM
GRR... DON'T ASK!
OOF!
WHAK!
HMP!! HMP! HMPH!!
WHAM!
OOUCH!
OH YEAH... LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE BODY-SUITS.
THIS IS A PSH SUIT ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR THE ARMY. IT'S HEAT AND COLD RESISTANT, AND BULLET PROOF.
IT WAS RE-DESIGNED FOR PSHs -- THE CHA CHA MARU PSH SUITS CAN WITHSTAND TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 900°C TO -120°C AND GUN FIRE CAN'T PENETRATE THEM!

CHANGING CLOTHES!
YOU CAN'T WEAR ANYTHING UNDER A P&H SUIT!
ARRGH!
UGH!!
SSSLIP
THEY'RE CUSTOM FIT TO WITHIN .001 MM SO--
LET ME EXPLAIN THE "SEA OF CLOUDS" WHICH IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THIS COMIC BOOK
SHE CAN'T!
NOW, WE'RE EVEN! YOU'VE SEEN ME TWICE!!
HOW DANGEROUS!
THE SEA OF CLOUDS LOOKS LIKE A REAL SEA, BUT IT'S NOT VERY DENSE, SO IF A PERSON FALLS INTO IT, THEY'LL SINK 'TIL THEY'RE CRUSHED BY THE CLOUD PRESSURE.

ALL THE INHABITED ISLANDS ARE MAN-MADE (COLONIES) AND FLOAT ON THE SEA OF CLOUDS BY ADJUSTING THEIR GRAVITY
UUUHH... WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF SPACE.
ANYWAY... KEEP ENJOYING PLASTIC LITTLE!!
OUR INTERMISSION IS NOW OVER!

Intermission – End

HEY, BALBOA, HAVE YOU SEEN NICHOL?
NO, WHAT'S UP?
TOMORROW'S OUR TURN TO GO SHOPPING! I WANNA TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT.
THAT JERK!! I BET HE'S TRYING TO GET OUT OF IT.
GRR!
I DOUBT IT.
NICHOL!!
NICHOL!!
HEEEEY, NICHOL!

I DON'T THINK HE'D BREAK A DATE WITH YOU
A DATE !?!
I'M BACK
AH!
NICHOL! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SHOPPING TOMORROW!
=GRRR=
BUT YOU SAID WE'D TALK ABOUT IT AFTER DINNER...
SHUT UP I CHANGED MY MIND!
GET REAL
OH, NICHOL, I FINISHED TUNING UP THE SHUTTLE CRAFT.
SMACK!
THANKS BALBOA !
HUH !? WHAT'S THIS ?!?

Chapter 4

Nichol Hawking

WHAAAT!? NICHOL RACED IN THE WIN 36!?
THE WINDOW CITY 36 HOUR GRAND PRIX RACE WITH UNRESTRICTED ENGINE DISPLACEMENT ?!?!
YEAAH... YA KNOW, WHEN HE WAS OFF DUTY.
BUT... BUT... NOBODY TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
HEH HEH- I'M NOT A REAL DRIVER. I'VE ONLY RACED IN THE WIN 36. I'VE NEVER WON.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S THE BIGGEST CRAFT RACE IN IETTA. YOU ALWAYS TOOK 5TH OR 6TH PLACE. THAT'S A BIG DEAL!
I'VE JUST BEEN LUCKY SO FAR.
I'M GONNA GO CHECK THE CRAFT'S SETTINGS
AH NICHOL, OUR MEETING?

GEEEZ ---
DESPITE WHAT NICHOL SAYS, THE REASON HE'S NEVER WON HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS ABILITY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!
FACT IS, HE'S ONE OF THE TOP TWO DRIVERS IN IETTA. HE WAS BORN WITH THE TALENT AND HAS A REFINED TECHNIQUE. HE'S CALLED "THE CROWNLESS EMPEROR" BY THE CRITICS.
THE CROWN-LESS EMPEROR ?!?
THAT'S THE KIND OF ABIL ITY HE HAS.
BUT WHY!?
DON'T YOU GET IT..?! HE DOESN'T HAVE...

A NAVIGATOR. THE WIN 36 IS FOR DRIVER/ NAVIGA-TOR PAIRS.
ONE PERSON CAN ENTER, BUT IT'S A DANGEROUS RACE AND IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN WITHOUT THE HELP OF A PARTNER.
WELL, WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE FROM THE SHIP GO? HEY, HOW ABOUT YOU BALBOA?
HE DOESN'T WANT ME... OR ROGER ...
ONE MISTAKE AND YOU'RE DEAD. THERE HAS TO BE ABSOLUTE TRUST BETWEEN PARTNERS.
IT'S COMMON FOR MARRIED OR ENGAGED COUPLES TO RACE TOGETHER.
TITA, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE NICHOL WOULD TRUST AS HIS NAVI-GATOR.
~BLUUUUUSH~
I LIKE NICHOL, BUT ...

EH?
GRUNG!!
WHAT'S UP, NICHOL?
TITA.
I SUPPOSE YOU INTEND TO GET OUT OF SHOPPING TOMORROW!?
UHH... SORRY

WINNING THE WIN 36 WAS ACTUALLY THE DREAM OF MY UNCLE WHO RAISED ME.
YOUR UNCLE?
I'M FROM A LONG LINE OF DRIVERS. MY PARENTS WERE KILLED IN THE WIN 36 RIGHT AFTER I WAS BORN.
SO MY UNCLE TOOK OVER THEIR POSITION AND I STARTED NAVIGATING AT AGE 8.
I WANNA WIN FOR MY PARENTS AND UNCLE, TO FULFILL THEIR DREAM.
ALL THIS TIME...
.....

TITA.. IT'S MORNING.
KNOCK KNOCK
TITA, HEY, TITA.
HEEEEY TITA!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
TITA, WAKE UP.
:AUUUUUM:
NICHOL?
NICHOL?
YES IT'S MORNING
WE GOTTA GO SHOPPING
IT'S GETTING LATE!
OOOKAY COME IN
GOOD MORNING, TITA! HERE'S THE SHOPPING LIST FROM ME!..

MORNIN', NICHOL-
AAAUH!!!
BLOOD!
NOSE!!!
WHA? HUH? AAAUH!!

GEEZ! WE'RE LATE 'CAUSE OF YOUR BLOODY NOSE.
BUT, THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU...
OHH-- BE QUIET!
HURRY UP!
WAIT, TITA!
RIGHT!
LET'S GO!!!
OUR TEAM'S GONNA KEEP WINNING THIS RACE, NO MATTER WHAT!
JUST AS I SUSPECTED THAT GIRL'S HIS NAVIGATOR

PHEW! WE'RE FINISHED!
THIS WAS THE PLACE, RIGHT?
WHAT!?
THE PLACE WE FIRST MET.. TITA, YOU WEREN'T WITH THE CHA CHA MARU YET.
OHHH.. YEAH.
EVER SINCE THAT DAY..
HEY! MEI'S COMING TO PICK US UP LET'S GET BACK!
LET'S GO!!

NICHOL HAWKING?
TAK!
WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU IT WON'T TAKE LONG.
?
GEEZ.. WHAT'S THOSE TWO DOING?
SOME-THING STRANGE ABOUT THAT FIGHT...
?!

KRAK
NICHOL!
YOU'RE BECOMING A PAIN IN THE ASS! LET'S KILL THE GIRL FIRST!
CLICK!
YEEAH !!
WATCH OUT, TITA!
VIP! VIP!

AHUGHH!!
VIP!
VIP
VIP!
NICHOL!!
NICHOL!
NICHOL!!
THMP!
THMP!

WHAT THE HELL?!
WHAK!
GUNK!
WHAT!?
KWMP!
TITA! NICHOL!
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT YOU JUST DID!
YOU'RE GONNA BE REEEAL SORRY
WOW! SHE'S HOT!!
YEES! I WEL-COME THE CHALLENGE !!

THMP!
WHACK!
GUAUU!!

WHUMP!
TOK!
BONK
ARE YOU TWO OK!?
MEI!! NICHOL HELP HIM!!

MEI, HOW'S NICHOL?
HIS HUNTER SUIT SAVED HIS LIFE, BUT HE'S BLEEDING INTERNALLY FROM THE WOUNDS TO HIS SHOULDER AND UPPER ARM. HE CAN'T MOVE FOR A WHILE.
THAT'S GOOD NEWS
BUT HE WANTS TO RACE LIKE THAT. TITA, YOU'VE GOT TO STOP HIM.
TITA ?
NICHOL !!
TITA ?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, NICHOL ?
YEAH- HOW ABOUT YOU, TITA? WERE YOU HIT?
NO. I'M FINE, THANKS TO YOU!

THOSE GUYS WERE AFTER ME. AND THE RACE...
YOU'RE SO STUPID, NICHOL PUTTING YOURSELF AT RISK FOR MY SAKE JUST BEFORE THE BIG RACE..
THE RACE IS IMPORTANT, BUT...
..TO ME..
YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD.
!!

UHHH. IT'S OK IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, BUT WOULD YOU...
BE MY...
!?!
YES.
I'LL NAVIGATE FOR YOU.
I'LL BE YOUR NAVI-GATOR.
TITA...

WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING BESIDES NOT WORKING !?
HEY, MIKAIL, CHILL COME WATCH THE RACE.
IT'S ALMOST TIME!!
THE CHECKERED FLAG!!
THIS YEAR'S CHAMPIONS NICHOL HAWKING AND TITA MU KOSHIGAAYA!!
WE DID IT!!
Chapter 4 - End

MAIN SYSTEM BALANCER DOWN. SUB-BALANCER DOWN RUNNING AT 38% CAPACITY. MAIN COMPUTER, "HIME", 81% DOWN
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
CLOUD IMMERSION 42% AT 18m PER MINUTE. WE'RE GONNA EXCEED THE DEPTH LIMIT IN 10 MINUTES
WAIT, GEN!! I'M GOING WITH YOU!
BEEP
BEEP
IF YOU DON'T, WHO'LL GET THE CREW ABOVE THE SEA OF CLOUDS? YOU HAVE A WIFE AND DAUGHTER.. AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO LOOK AFTER TITA..
THIS IS MY JOB! TAKE OVER THE SHIP, MIKAIL!
BUT.
TAKE CARE OF TITA!!
GUN!!!

WHY?
"HUFF."
"HUFF."
"HUFF."
PUT OUT THE FIRE, QUICK!! IT'S GONNA EXPLODE!!
RUN!
HELP!
LOOK OUT!
SQUAD 3, GO BELOW!!!
THAT DREAM... AGAIN.
WHY DID YOU SURVIVE? YOU SILLY OLD MAN...
WHY COULDN'T YOU BRING HIM BACK, MIKAIL?

Chapter 5
MIKAIL DIAGLEFF

WHRRRR
HMM..?
TITA?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE AT THIS HOUR?
THE CLOUDS ARE STRANGE, AREN'T THEY?
WHRR
MIKAIL--
WELL, I CAN'T READ THEM THE WAY YOU CAN.

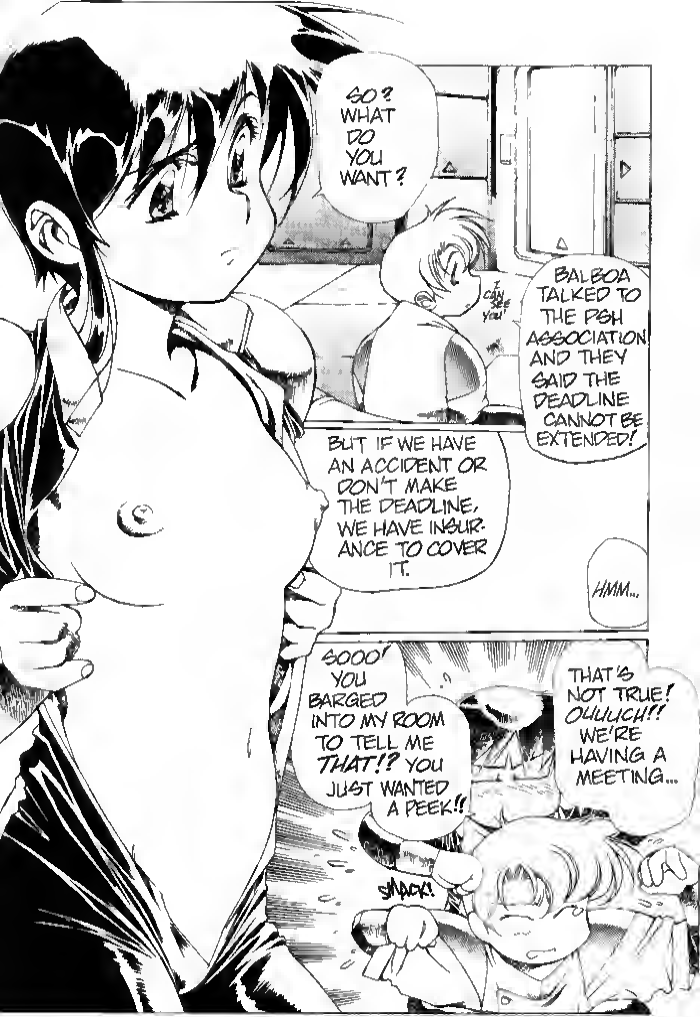
I DON'T THINK A STORM'S COMING. IT SHOULD BE CALM FOR ABOUT A WEEK, BUT I FEEL UNEASY FOR SOME REASON.
MIKAIL, COULD YOU SEE IF THE CLIENT'LL EXTEND THE DEADLINE?
HMM... IT'S A HARD THING TO ASK OVER A PREMONITION... AND YOUR FRIEND WILL BE UPSET IF YOU ARE LATE GETTING TO HER ISLAND.
OH RIGHT... I'M MEETING ELYSSE
SO YOU CAN'T SLEEP EITHER, MIKAIL?
GRRR
NO.. I WAS HAVING A BAD DREAM...
WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HER?
YEAH... IT'S BEEN HALF A YEAR, AND SHE'S ON BREAK FROM THE UNIVERSITY.

HMMM, YEAH- WE MIGHT BE LATE GETTING THERE...
.....
CRUNCH! CRUNCH!
WHAT ?!?
IF YOU'VE GOTTA WORK, YOU'VE GOTTA WORK, BUT..
YOU PROMISED TO SPEND MY BIRTHDAY WITH ME. SO AS A PENALTY-
YOU HAVE TO TAKE ME SHOPPING, OK?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, YOU GOT IT!
WHAT ?
I ATTENDED A SYMPOSIUM IN LEMURIA AND..
OH, BY THE WAY, TITA...

..MET MIKAIL'S DAUGHTER. SHE WANTED ME TO TELL HIM.
TELL MIKAIL?
YES... THAT SHE'S NOT ANGRY ANYMORE. SO HE SHOULD CALL HER. HER KIDS ARE GROWN AND THEY WANT TO SEE THEIR GRANDFATHER.
GRAN-GRANPA!? MIKAIL!?
NOOO WAY!
HEY, TITA! YOU UP? YOU DRESSED!? I'M COMIN' IN
HUH!? WA... WAIT A MINUTE...!!
WHOA!!
KICK!

BLOODY NOSE!!
YOU CAN'T COME IN WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT, JERK!

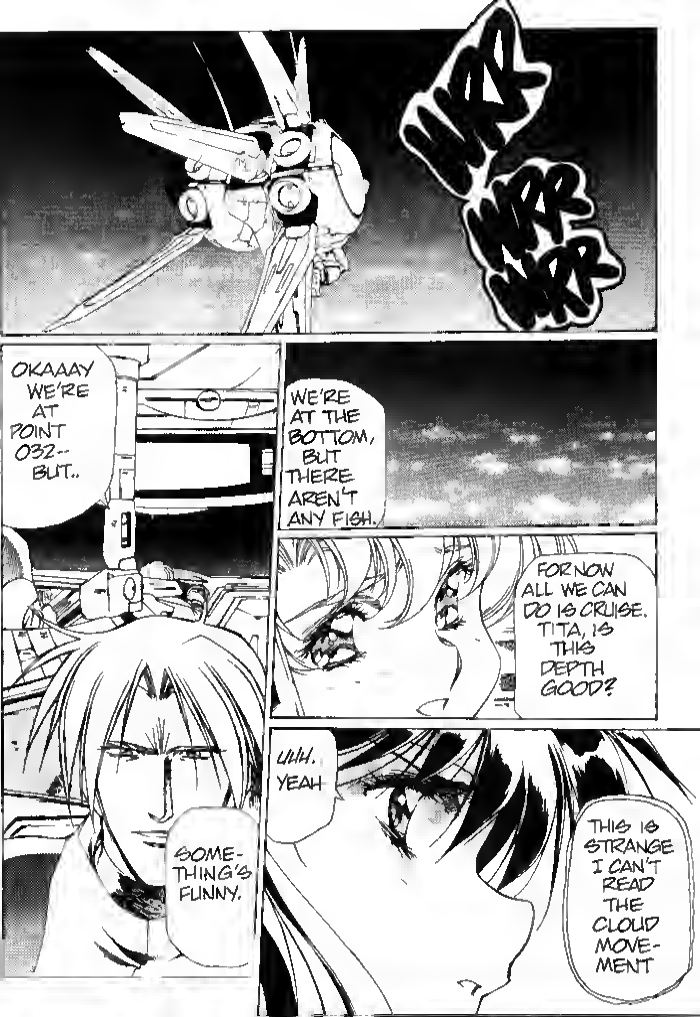
NICHOL, I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU TURN AROUND!
SLUP!
IF YOU WERE ANYONE ELSE, I'D KICK YOU OUT!
I KNOW IF I HAVE ANOTHER NOSE BLEED IT MIGHT KILL ME!


SO? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I can see you!
BALBOA TALKED TO THE PSH ASSOCIATION AND THEY SAID THE DEADLINE CANNOT BE EXTENDED!
BUT IF WE HAVE AN ACCIDENT OR DON'T MAKE THE DEADLINE, WE HAVE INSURANCE TO COVER IT.
HMM...
SOOO' YOU BARGED INTO MY ROOM TO TELL ME THAT!? YOU JUST WANTED A PEEK!!
SMACK!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! OUUUCH!! WE'RE HAVING A MEETING...

SORRY WE'RE LATE!
WE JUST STARTED HAVE A SEAT
OK
ZZZP!
I WAS TALKING ABOUT OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT
IT'S FOR 2 BLACK WINDS IT'S A SPECIES OF CLOUD SHARK THAT LIVES AT 25,000M DEPTHS IT'S 8M LONG AND WEIGHS 800KG
OF ALL THE PSH SHIPS, ONLY THE CHA CHA MARU CAN REACH THOSE DEPTHS
THEY'RE EASY TO SPOT BECAUSE THEIR TERRITORY IS LIMITED WE'LL SCOUT AT A DEPTH OF 23,000M FROM POINTS 032 TO 08 THAT'S IT
WE'LL HEAD OUT AFTER LUNCH
AYE, AYE!

OH, MIKAIL? GOT A SEC?
YEAH?
I SEE
I HEARD ELENA IS BEAUTIFUL. MY FATHER USED TO SAY HE COULDN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS YOUR DAUGHTER.
SHE LOOKS LIKE HER MOTHER.
OH, YEAH? I'VE NEVER MET YOUR WIFE WHERE DOES SHE LIVE?
I WANT TO MEET ELENA...
SHE'S DEAD
!!
IT WAS YEARS AGO. SHE DIED OF AN ILLNESS A MONTH AFTER YOUR DAD WAS KILLED. ELENA'S NEVER FORGIVEN ME FOR NOT BEING AT HER DEATH-BED

WHY COULDN'T I STOP HIM?
EVEN IF SHE HAS FORGIVEN ME.
I'M STILL OBLIGAT TO...
..WATCH OVER TITA 'TIL SHE'S A FULL-FLEDGED SAILOR.
ANYWAY, LET'S GO EAT- IT'S NOT GOOD TO KEEP EVERYONE WAITING.
OK!
HEY! THAT'S MINE!
HEY, ROGER!
WHOA!
FIRST COME- FIRST SERVED, FOOL!
THEY ALREADY STARTED ?!


HRR
HRR
HRR
OKAAAY WE'RE AT POINT 032-- BUT..
WE'RE AT THE BOTTOM, BUT THERE AREN'T ANY FISH.
FOR NOW ALL WE CAN DO IS CRUISE. TITA, IS THIS DEPTH GOOD?
SOME-THING'S FUNNY.
UHH. YEAH
THIS IS STRANGE I CAN'T READ THE CLOUD MOVE-MENT

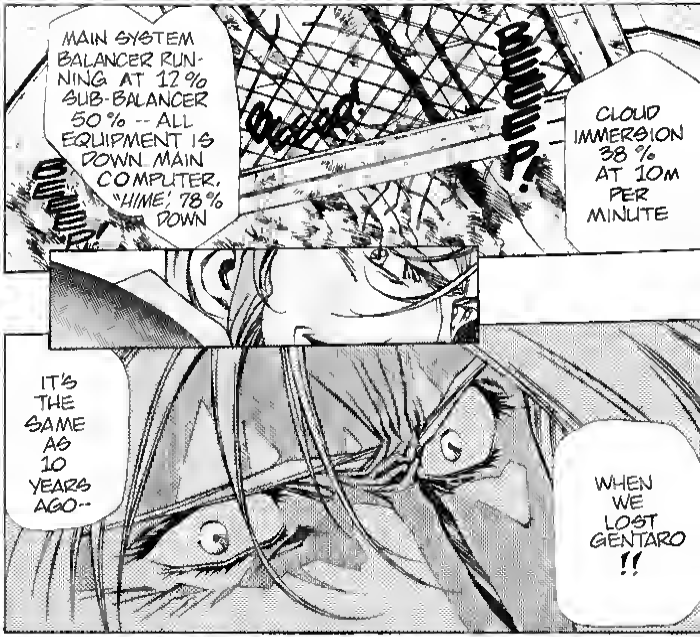
AH! TITA, LOOK!!
TWO BLACK WINDS! THEY'RE MATES!!
NICHOL, MOVE IN SLOWLY! BALBOA, DID YOU ADD PRESSURE TO THE TANK?
YES!
WHRRMM
OPEN THE HATCH! PREPARE PULSE NET LAUNCH AT GAUGE 2!! CLOSE IN TO 50M AND FIRE!
90-
85-
70--
GOUN!
66
60--
55-
50-
FIRE!!

SHUUM
YEESS! WE GOT'EM!
GO
UN
HUH?!
THE CLOUD CURRENTS !!
SHIT!! HOW COULD THIS BE?!
!!!

IT CAN'T BE?! IT'S...
W

HOOSH
A DEATH HOLE !!!

SHIT! WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS CURRENT! WE'RE SINK-ING!
GRNNNN
CRACK!
KRAK
KRAK
CLOUD PRESSURE 3800-- 3850--
-3900
--3950
--4000
ANOTHER ZOO TO OUR ABSO-LUTE LIMIT.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BEEP!
CLOUD IMMERSION 38% AT 10M PER MINUTE
IT'S THE SAME AS 10 YEARS AGO--
WHEN WE LOST GENTARO !!

SHIT! MIKAIL, THE G-CABLE'S BROKEN!
BEEP

ALL OVER AGAIN ?!
YOU REALLY WANT OUR LIVES, DEATH HOLE!!?

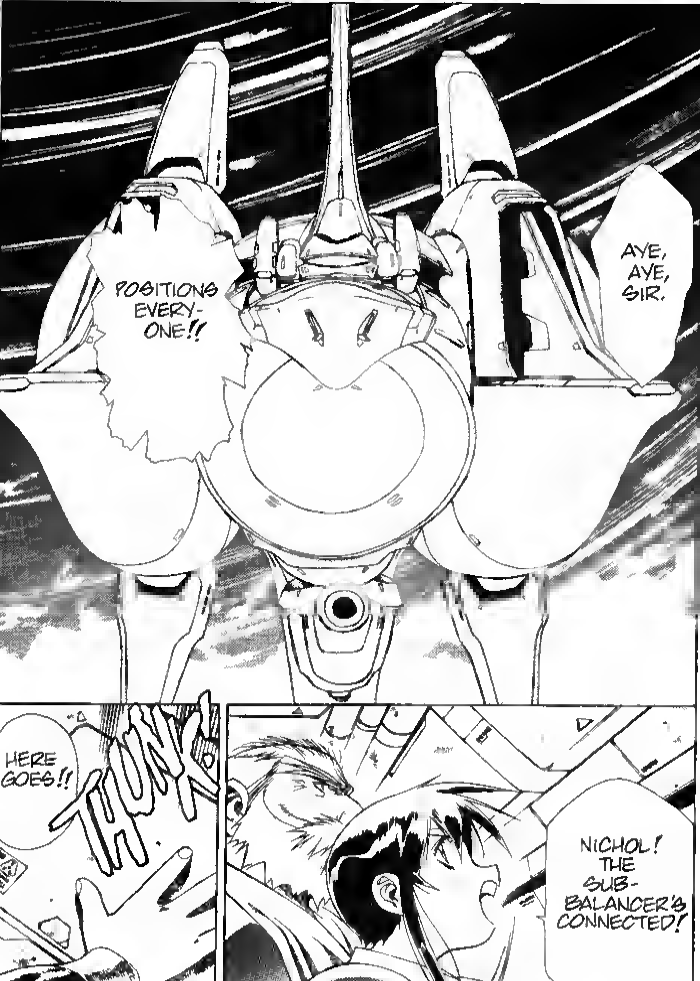
TITA, THE SHIP'LL BE CRUSHED BY CLOUD PRESSURE IN 12 MINUTES!
CRK WHIRR
LOOKS LIKE THE END. NOTHING IS WORSE THAN A DEATH HOLE!
IT'S NO USE! AT THIS DEPTH, EVEN IF WE LIGHTEN THE SHIP BY DISENGAGING THE ENGINE, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OXYGEN TO MAKE IT TO THE SURFACE.
!?
BALBOA!

BALBOA, NICHOL, MEI AND ROGER TAKE THE SHUTTLE CRAFT!
!!
!!
I'M SORRY. I JUST COULDN'T READ THE CLOUDS
THE PRESSURE ON THE SHUTTLE CRAFT IS THE SAME AS THE SHIP 4 PEOPLE CAN MAKE IT IF WE'RE LUCKY
AND IF WE REFUSE?

HELL WITH YOUR SHITTY ORDER!
EVEN SCIENTISTS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DEATH HOLES, EXCEPT THAT THEY COME AROUND EVERY 10 TO 20 YEARS!
THAT'S THE CAPTAIN'S ORDER!
NICHOL?!
I'M NOT GOING EITHER.
MORE IMPORT-ANT TO ME THAN YOU, TITA
`CAUSE THERE'S NOTHING--

SHIT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
THIS CREW'S A BUNCH OF FOOLS!!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE
TITA, IF WE TRANSFER ALL THE SUB-BALANCER'S POWER TO THE ENGINE AND DIS-CONNECT THE LIMITER WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESTORE FULL POWER.

IT'S A MILLION TO ONE SHOT I'M GONNA CHECK THE MAIN SYSTEM BALANCER.
WE'LL EXCEED THE CLOUD PRESSURE LIMIT, BUT IF WE'RE LUCKY WE CAN CRUISE ON THE CURRENTS AND SURVIVE
IF WE USE HIME'S EMERGENCY BATTERY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO JUICE IT UP TO 60%.
BUT WE HAVE LESS THAN 10 MINUTES! CAN WE DO IT!?
WE'VE GOTTA TRY !!!


POSITIONS EVERY-ONE!!
AYE, AYE, SIR.
HERE GOES!!
THUNK
NICHOL! THE SUB-BALANCER'S CONNECTED!

WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE MINUTE! I'LL RESTART THE ENGINE IN 10 SECONDS. TITA, SET THE BYPASS TIMING
GOT IT!
ALL SET HERE, NICHOL!
MEI, KEEP AN EYE ON HIME
ALL SET, ROGER?
YEP!
10
9
8
7
6

5
AH!
3
4
THAT WAS TOO MUCH POWER.. EVEN WITH ENERGY FLOWING TO THE ENGINE, THE STARTER WON'T BUDGE!
WHOOSH
WHAT'LL WE DO?!
2
GET BACK, TITA!
MIKAIL?
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BLAST
MIKAIL!!
DRMM
WE'RE MOVING!

WE'VE EXCEEDED CLOUD PRESSURE LIMIT!
WHOA!!
KRRK
HMMM
NICHOL!
GUAGH!
BAM
ORP!
RP!
.....

JUST A LITTLE MORE!
KNK
KNK
KNK
JUST A LITTLE MORE... HANG ON CHA CHA MARU!!
HMMM
WAKE UP MIKAIL!
MIKAIL! PLEEASE! OPEN YOUR EYES!
PLEASE, DON'T LEAVE US...
aaaaa

I'M THE ONE WHO COULDN'T BRING YOUR FATHER BACK.
!!
HNNNN
IF THIS DEATH HOLE TAKES YOU TOO, MY LIFE WILL HAVE BEEN WORTHLESS.
I'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT.

YES! WE MADE IT!!
DOOOO
.....
DADDY...
WHRRR

WHHRRRR
BEAUTIFUL SUNSET, EH?
MEI, HOW'S MIKAIL?
WHRR
RRRR
HE'S FINE HE'S AS BEAT UP AS THIS SHIP HEH HEH. HEH.. BUT HE'LL BE UP AND ABOUT IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS

THAT'S GOOD
WHRR
WE CAN ALL RELAX WHILE THE CHA CHA MARU'S BEING REPAIRED
MEI?
YEAH?
BEING HERE...
...WITH MY FAMILY... MAKES ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL ON IETTA.
OH, TITA!
YOU KNOW WE...
WE FEEL THE SAME.

BECAUSE OF YOU, TITA, WE'RE THE HAPPIEST CREW IN THE WORLD.
MAKE THAT THE UNIVERSE!
OOHH, YOU GUYS
THE END

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TITA MU KOSHIGAYA

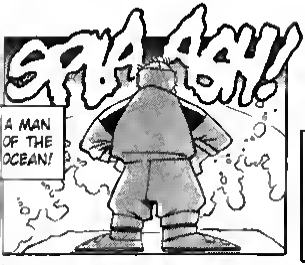
JOSHUA L. BALBOA

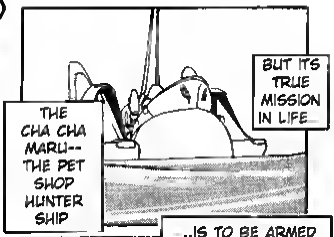
CHA CHA MARU'S CAPTAIN
Peace
SHE HAS THE ABILITY TO FORE-CAST THE WEATHER
IN THE ARMY HE PICKED UP MANY DIFFERENT SKILLS.
HE IS CONSIDERED THE BRAIN OF THE CHA CHA MARU
FWOOOSH!
TITA! PET SHOP HUNTERS SHOULD NEVER HURT ANIMALS!
WHAT?!
A STORM IS COMING!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND THAT, TITA?
YEAH.
WE KNOW THAT THEY SAID SO ON TV.
I GUESS WE CAN'T GO FISHING TOMORROW.
AT NIGHT HE LOVES TO SHARPEN HIS KNIFE
FROOT
FROOT
SKRATCH

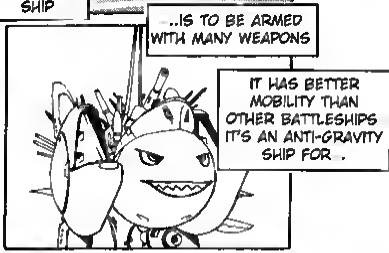
MEI LIN JONES
ROGER ROGERS
SHE IS GENTLE AND GRACE-FUL...
...BEAUTIFUL AND STRONG.
SHE IS ALSO...
NOBODY CAN HANDLE MACHINES LIKE HIM.
HUH?
BUT THERE'S SPECIAL THING HE ENJOYS DOING...
...PEEPING.
HEY, MEI...
MY ARM...
HERE, MY RIGHT ARM...
MIKAIL.
A SERVICE FOR THE READERS?
THE ENGINE OVER-HEATED, AND I GOT BURNED, LOOK
REALLY? OH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU GOT BURNED AND BALD.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BALD.
A FUNNY GIRL.
ARE YOU OK WITH THIS, URUSHIHARA?
SCRATCH SCRATCH
HEHE HE
Pfuee

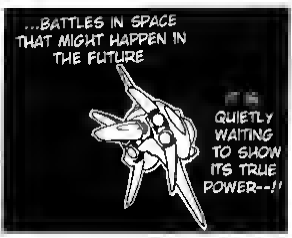
MIKAIL DIAGLEFF

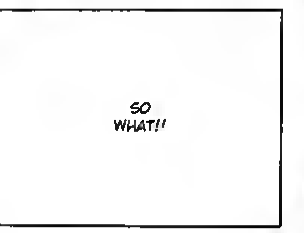
CHA CHA MARU











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